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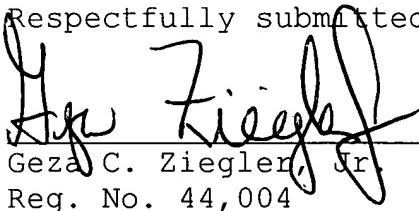
Claim 10 is amended and claim 13 is canceled. Claims 10-12, are under consideration.

Claim 10 is amended to include the limitation, formerly in claim 13, to conform to the Examiners statement of allowable subject matter and claim 13 is canceled.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for a one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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